

## **Nordic Approaches to Foreign Fighters**

### **Nordiske perspektiver på fremmedkrigere**

#### **Call for Papers**

The Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, announces a call for papers for a young researcher's conference entitled: [Nordic Approaches to Foreign Fighters](#).

**The conference will be held in Oslo, Norway from 12:00 pm Wednesday 9 November to 12:00 pm Friday 11 November 2016.**

This call is **open to PhD candidates and early stage researchers from all research disciplines** working with these issues in connection to the Nordic countries. The objective is to create opportunities for Nordic early stage researchers to meet and exchange their ideas and research in a constructive setting. The conference is free of charge; participants are expected to bear their own costs.

#### **Proposed themes**

- National criminalization of foreign fighters
- Nordic foreign fighters in e.g. Syria, Iraq and Ukraine
- Nordic approaches to armed groups in contemporary conflicts with involvement of foreign fighters, e.g. ISIS, Jabhat al Nusra, al-Qaeda, as-Shabaab, Peshmerga, etc.
- Approaches to international law in regard to foreign fighters and terrorism
- Nordic foreign fighters and national identity, citizenship and/or Nordic identity
- National strategies and policies for returning foreign fighters, reintegration
- Counter-terrorism, e.g. surveillance powers, Nordic cooperation
- Nordic perspectives on involvement and disengagement from terrorist groups
- The role of extremists networks in the Nordic countries for the foreign fighters phenomenon
- Violent extreme right-wing and religious rhetoric in the Nordic countries
- Critical perspectives on contemporary terrorism and counter-terrorism research
- The role as a non-fighting member in terrorist groups
- The psychology of terrorism
- Countering violent extremism and radicalism in the Nordics
- Terrorism and prisons, e.g. radicalization in Nordic prisons
- The role of ideology and religion in recruitment
- The role of internet and digital communication, e.g. violent rhetoric, recruitment, preparations, cyber terrorism



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**Instructions for paper submissions:**

Please submit your paper proposal of 500 words as an attachment (MS Word format) in an e-mail addressed to [a.c.lie@nchr.uio.no](mailto:a.c.lie@nchr.uio.no) with 'Paper proposal - Nordic Approaches to Foreign Fighters' in the subject line. Preference will be given to **abstracts and papers in the Scandinavian languages** (Norwegian, Swedish and Danish), however, papers in English will also be accepted. The conference may include panels and presentations in both the Scandinavian languages and English.

**All proposed abstracts must include:**

- Author/presenter name(s) and title(s)
- Affiliation
- Email address(es)
- Telephone number
- Website URL
- Title and paper abstract (abstract limit: 500 words)

Accepted abstracts of papers and biographical information will be published in the conference program. Selected papers will be invited for a contribution to an edited volume by a leading publisher or a special issue of a journal. Please indicate, when submitting abstracts, if your paper will be available for publication.

**Instructions for panel suggestions:**

Please submit panel suggestions with an abstract clearly describing the topic, identifying the moderator and presenters, as well setting out the topic of each presentation. Each panel presenter would further need to submit their presentations' abstract (in accordance with instructions for paper submissions above), stating in which panel they wish to present.

**Deadlines:**

Papers proposals (500 words) and panel proposals: 15 September 2016

Notification of acceptance: 1 October 2016

First draft submissions (6-8000 words): 1 November 2016

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